

**Red Cross Seeks
Report on Hero**

OTTAWA (CP) — R.C.A.F. spokesmen this afternoon expressed great interest in reports from Seattle that a letter received from a Japanese prison camp by Mrs. George J. Gagnon indicated that Sqdn. Ldr. L. J. Birchall of St. Catharines, Ont., is alive.

Birchall a year ago gave the alarm that a Japanese force was approaching Ceylon and was not reported again.

One spokesman here said new efforts now will be made through the International Red Cross to verify the report.

R.A.F. Hits France

FOLKSTONE, Eng. (CP) — R.A.F. planes swept across Dover Strait late this afternoon, headed in the direction of Pas de Calais. Most of the formations were so high they could not be seen.

Budget Tuesday

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Ilsey told the House of Commons this afternoon the budget will be presented next Tuesday.

Patient Gets M.C.

MONTREAL (CP) — Lieut. John Gibbons, Counsell of Toronto, a patient in the Montreal Neurological Institute, today received the Military Cross from the Earl of Athlone for his bravery in the Battle of Dieppe.

**Would Boost
McNaughton**

OTTAWA (CP) — J. Francois Pouliot, Liberal, Temiscouata, Que., asked in the Commons this afternoon why Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian Army commander overseas, has not been promoted to rank of full general.

Defence Minister Ralston said the question was on a matter of policy, on which a statement will be made when a decision is reached.

Hits Beveridge Plan

LONDON (CP) — Viscount Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, today supported the government's plan of proceeding slowly and with caution in regard to Sir William Beveridge's sweeping social security proposals.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Lord Bennett said: "It is nonsensical to talk about plans of social security unless you have a country to live in and unless you have people among whom to live."

Gets Bar to D.F.C.

OTTAWA (CP) — The R.C.A.F. this afternoon announced officially the award of a bar to the Distinguished Service Cross to Flt. Lt. William Lawrence Chisholm of Wolfville, N.S., who has a score of six enemy planes destroyed.

Flt. Lt. Chisholm, serving in the Western Desert, was awarded his D.F.C. Feb. 5 when he had destroyed five enemy aircraft.

**Hitler Message
Read to Nazis**

NEW YORK (AP) — Hitler, in a proclamation read to a gathering of his party followers at Munich, declared today that Germany's future and the future of Europe would be decided on the Russian front, and asserted his enemies who believed they almost had Germany down would be "terribly disappointed."

It was the second time in less than a month that Hitler chose to address his party by indirect means. The proclamation was read in the Munich Hofbrauhaus by Secretary of State Hermann Eßer before members celebrating the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the Nazi Party, and was recorded from the Berlin radio by the Associated Press.

Hitler explained his absence to-day by this message:

"In my thoughts I am with you in this hour as has always been the case. But duty compels me in these months, weeks and days to be with our brethren and comrades, the German soldiers, above all at the fighting front of the east. For there Germany's and beyond that Europe's future will be decided."

Hitler declared the "outcome, however, must and will be our victory."

Rommel Retreats; Tide Turns In Tunisia

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Suffers Big Loss In Men, Materiel; 8th Army Moves

Soviet Armies Surging Westward In Chase of Nazis

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet army smashed deeper today into the northern Ukraine northwest of Kharkov, where the capture of Sumy, Lebedin and Akhtyrka fashioned a Soviet bludgeon aimed at Kiev and the important railway junction of Konotop.

Today's midday communiqué said more strongly fortified settlements were captured as Russian soldiers, racing along muddy roads and across barren, black fields, struck west of Sumy, 100 miles northwest of Kharkov, 75 miles southeast of Konotop and 195 miles east of Kiev.

KILL 600 NAZIS

A water barrier also was forced and about 600 Germans killed in the capture of a number of towns north of Kursk, where it was announced Tuesday night the Russians had driven to within 40 miles of Orel from the south with the capture of Maloarkhangelsk.

Soviet tanks bearing automatic gunners followed by infantry surged westward in spite of spring thaws as the drive proceeded northwest of Kharkov on a 42-mile front, with Sumy at the north end of the line, Akhtyrka at the south end and Lebedin in the centre.

Soldiers and drivers discarded their fur hats and coats to cool their steaming faces in the warm wind blowing from the Dnieper.

PEASANTS FREED

In their wake peasants were digging out buried grain and hidden tools, and waved joyfully at mud-plastered tanks as they prepared to get spring planting underway in the rich area.

In other sectors of the long front the Red Army was actively pressing its campaign. A Tass news agency dispatch said the final outcome is nearing in the Caucasus and the offensive in the Donets Basin is gradually coming to a head."

Izvestia, the government newspaper, in a dispatch from Kharkov gave the first details of the German occupation of that city since it was reoccupied by the Russians Feb. 16.

14,000 JEWS SHOT

The Germans forced 110,000 men and women and children to leave the city and work in Germany, the dispatch said. It was estimated 70,000 civilians died of hunger and other causes during the occupation. Fourteen thousand Jews were declared to have been shot.

Before leaving the city the Germans set fire to the largest buildings and razed the electric plant, railway station, post office and colleges and blew up bridges and blocks of residences.

New Dive Bombers

LONDON (CP) — Sir Archibald Sinclair, the air secretary, told the House of Commons today that dive bombers ordered from the United States are now arriving and in some cases have been placed in operation at British bases.

Earlier dispatches from Allied headquarters said the Germans had been hurried back to the western end of the Kasserine gap in western Tunisia—a retreat of at least 14 miles—and the newest report may mean that Rommel had been forced, or was being forced, out of the pass, toward Feriana, farther south.

The Germans apparently were keeping their tanks near the mouth of the pass to cover their retreat against onrushing Allied armored forces and, under the heaviest Allied air attack of the Tunisian war,

American troops attacking down the Hatab River from the west captured more than 300 German and Italian prisoners and enough small arms to equip a battalion.

With the coming of daylight almost every British and American plane available, including four-engined bombers, was thrown against the retreating Germans.

They turned the road from Thala through the Kasserine valley, walled by 4,000' and 5,000' foot mountains, into a veritable hell of exploding bombs and machine gun fire.

Greatest Loss Yet For Tunisian Nazis

It appeared that Rommel had suffered the greatest losses the Germans have met in Tunisia.

Eight Allied planes were missing after these aerial assaults, in raids on Bizerte and the air base at Kairouan, and in sea sweeps in which five barges carrying motor transports were sunk.

In Cairo, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, New British commander in the Middle East, succeeded Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, who has been assigned to command ground forces under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, received correspondents at his new headquarters today. He said there is no doubt that bad weather had upset Allied calculations in Tunisia.

Kharkov—City of Destruction



This radiophoto above, first to be received of Kharkov since its recapture by the victorious Red Army, shows Russians wandering through the debris-littered streets. Germans did their best to destroy the great base city before they fled.

Birchall of R.C.A.F. Prisoner in Japan

SEATTLE (CP) — The pleasant task of advising relatives of three men—one of them a Canadian air hero—that they are safe and well though captives of the Japanese has fallen to Mrs. George J. Gagnon of Seattle.

A letter from her brother, Pharmacist's Mate Roland Le Roy Coffield, written from a Japanese prison camp at Ventsuji, Japan, was the first direct word his family had received from him since the outer Aleutian Islands were occupied by the Japanese last June.

"The menace of Nazi U-boats in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in the river has to be studied according to world naval strategy."

"He listed three other men in camp and asked us to let their relatives know they were all right," said Mrs. Gagnon today.

One of the three was Sqdn. Ldr. L. J. Birchall of the R.C.A.F., who distinguished himself when a Japanese air attack on Colombo, Ceylon, was beaten off a year ago and who has been posted as missing for a year. Mrs. Gagnon telephoned his wife Tuesday night and advised relatives of the other two men; W. H. Gray of Adelaide, Australia, and Mike Palmer of Prineville, Ore.

Coffield did not say how Sqdn. Ldr. Birchall came to be captured. Coffield himself was taken prisoner with 11 others in the Aleutian camp. He said they were "well treated and well fed."

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LONDON (CP)—The sword of honor which the King plans to present to the city of Stalingrad will be accepted with gratitude, President Michael Kalinin of Russia said Tuesday.

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Rehabilitation Plans

Ready-Made Farms For Ex-Soldiers

Opportunity to acquire a farm and equipment to the value of \$4,800 for \$2,400 with 25 years to pay will be offered returned soldiers by the provincial government under the new Land Act, Hon. H. G. T. Perry, Minister of Education, informed an audience at the Shrine Auditorium Tuesday night. Mr. Perry spoke on rehabilitation at the joint meeting of four welfare organizations—the Children's Aid Society, Family Welfare Association, John Howard Society, and the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Mr. Perry said, veterans will be able to buy ready-made farms up to \$3,600, plus \$1,200 for stock and equipment. This is one of the recommendations of the Postwar Rehabilitation Council of which Mr. Perry is chairman. Other objects are production and distribution of adequate food and clothing, sufficient housing units and extension of social services, converging to a system of full employment and a decent standard of living, wherein high production levels must be maintained.

"Unless these things are maintained," he said, "the income and purchasing power of the people will drop, causing unemployment and subsequent depression."

"Fundamentally," Mr. Perry said, "we have built our entire economy on trade; but new plans for a more comprehensive social structure are being formed on the basis of the experiences gained from the last war. He said that we are in a better

position to avoid recurrence of 1918 catastrophes because of the establishment of labor bureaus and unemployment insurance.

PAY UNTIL RE-ESTABLISHED

Recommendation from the council provides that the pay and allowance of service men be continued during the gradual process of demobilization, and while they are undergoing training in vocational fields. He said with a great deal of conviction that the tremendous potentialities of the natural resources of B.C. were particularly suitable for a "back to the land" movement.

"The land settlement system in effect now is so bad it staggers me," Mr. Perry said, adding that he feels B.C.'s natural wealth is being wasted. "I've said this within my own party and I'll say it again in the Legislature."

Among the foremost recommendations of the rehabilitation council, Mr. Perry lists vocational training centres to include agricultural, forest and technical schools, and a reconstructed land settlement system based on supervised surveys and the suitability of the settler.

Dealing with mining, he said that research and training of prospectors should be carried out with government financing. In industry, development of natural resources, decentralization with secondary loans in small centres, and expansion should also be backed by federal capital.

Maintenance of industry will be hampered by B.C.'s excessive freight rates unless some system of control is exercised, he said.

RESEARCH COUNCIL

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Victoria Entertains Men Who Cut Wood

In appreciation for assistance given in cutting fuel at the C.P.R. mill, the city of Victoria Tuesday night was host to 26 soldiers and 26 sailors at a smoking concert at the Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion.

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Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By GLENN BABB
Associated Press War Analyst

Efforts to get Finland out of the war obviously are making progress. Under Secretary Sumner Welles in effect advised his Tuesday to withdraw from the anti-Soviet coalition and placed on record an expression of the American government's hope that this could be brought about soon.

The big difficulty, of course, will be getting Finland and Russia together on terms of peace, especially on new boundaries. Finland insists there can be no peace for her without security, and Russia demands recovery of all territories of the Soviet state.

A compromise obviously will be difficult. But Welles, by expressing the hope that Finland would quit the war, indicated he did not consider an agreement out of the question. It is quite possible discreet inquiries have been made at the Kremlin and that Welles knew the answers.

man civic fuel committee, thanked the men. He reported 382 families had been relieved.

Aldermen John A. Worthington, Edward Williams and B. J. Gadsden were also present. Alderman W. H. Davies was in the chair.

William C. Hudson, president of the Britannia Branch, conducted a community sing. Songs were given by J. J. Matheson, L.S. Porter, Aberdeen, Scotland, and L.Cpl. Hull, Ireland. Bert White presented a number of violin solos and Frank Merryfield performed tricks of magic. Cecil Heaton was accompanist.

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Reeve E. C. Warren reported he could find no fault with the estimates and said that Saanich schools ranked with any in Greater Victoria for academic standing and no pupil need feel his education neglected in Saanich.

Councillor George Austin gave the board credit for raising the teachers' salaries, while Councillor K. W. Richmond said he believed the school board was justified in asking an increase.

A motion of Councillor John Oliver, seconded by Councillor J. L. Hobbs, asking that tax on improvements to farm property be reduced from \$50 to \$25 per acre, was defeated at the Court of Revision sitting. Councillor Oliver said the purpose of the motion was to save landowners paying increased taxes for social services which will be of no advantage to them.

The assessment roll was adopted despite the negative votes of Councillors Oliver and Hobbs.

The water committee was ordered to interview Mrs. Gertrude Bishop, 316 Skinner Street, who asked compensation for damage done to her summer home, Cordova Bay, when water pipes burst during cold weather. Mrs. Bishop had given notice in writing to have the water turned off.

He is a son of Mrs. Fraser and

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Opposition Halts Holiday Amendment In Legislature

The opposition in the Legislature Tuesday held up final passing of a bill that would give the government power to wipe out statutory holidays.

After some heated argument, Labor Minister Ged. Pearson agreed to postpone final passage of the bill. Opposition leader Harold Winch said the C.C.F. wished more time to contact organized labor to ascertain its stand on the wiping out of the holidays.

Mr. Pearson explained the bill would merely give the government power to abolish holidays, but he was not too sure this would be done. He said the government did not necessarily wish to see May 24 or Remembrance Day wiped out and he was not sure the government wished to see Dominion Day changed to another day.

Mr. Winch said he feared employer-employee union agreements, which gave extra pay to men and women who work on statutory holidays, would go with the holidays.

"So far as we are concerned, the fears of the Leader of the Opposition are absolutely without foundation," Mr. Pearson said.

As A. J. Turner, C.C.F., Vancouver East, and Mr. Winch insisted that the bill be held in abeyance, Mr. Pearson, pounding his desk, said: "When the government sees need for certain things, we are going to take necessary action, or else we won't be a government."

Mr. Winch said he knew labor had approached the government, expressing fear union agreements would go with the holidays.

Mr. Pearson said he knew of no such approach by labor.

Dr. J. J. Gillis, Coalition, Yale, said he never before heard of any organization going to the government for information.

"That's where they come all the time," Mr. Winch replied. Dr. Gillis said he thought B.C. should co-operate with Ottawa. The C.C.F. protestations he termed as camouflage.

"The camouflage is to get a wedge to break the employer-employee union agreements," Mr. Winch said.

"I have the interests of labor as much at heart as my honorable friend (the Leader of the Opposition) — and I deny what he implies," Mr. Pearson said, adding that Ottawa has no right to break such agreements.

Mr. Winch said that in England, "right under the gun of the enemy," experience has proven that employees, in the interest of the war effort, must have their holidays.

Col. A. H. FRASER

Another Victoria hero of the Battle of Dieppe, Col. A. H. "Art" Fraser, D.S.O., is back in Canada. Now in command of the Royal Regiment of Canada, the former citizen returned from the battle with a group of soldiers and R.C.A.F. veterans, some for further training, some to help in the country's expanding war program.

Heading the group was Brig. J. P. U. Archambault, director of organization for the Canadian army before going overseas, who having completed his tour of duty in Britain is returning to his post at Ottawa. Others in the group included a U.S. general who would not divulge his name or rank, and an equally recent Dutch rear-admiral.

Col. Fraser was born and educated in Victoria and joined the Canadian Scottish Regiment here in 1922, being commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1928. In June, 1931, he was transferred to the P.P. C.L.L., and was promoted to a captain in 1939.

He went overseas with the first contingent of Canadians, and was appointed to his present command with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in September, 1942, his full-colonelcy coming after the Dieppe battle.

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Poison Gas Ready In Britain If Nazis First Start Use

LONDON (CP)—The House of Commons cheered Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee's reiteration today of Britain's determination to retaliate promptly against any use of poison gas by Germany.

Attlee was asked whether Prime Minister Churchill's attention had been drawn to a speech by Goebbels in which the German propaganda minister threatened a raid war exceeding anything imaginable today. The questioning member suggested that the speech, made Feb. 19, might have been a threat to use gas.

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Tuesday, Reginald Purbrick, Conservative, asked that Mr. Churchill notify the German people that Britain has "sufficient stocks of death-dealing gas to destroy the whole population of Germany, civilian as well as military."

Japs Told New York,
'Frisco Bombed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The flames of fanaticism in the Japs on Guadalcanal were whipped to new heights by their leaders' stories that both New York and

San Francisco had fallen to the rising sun, an officer at the scene said Tuesday.

Capt. John C. Van Dyke, 26, marine from Burlingame, Calif., told marine public relations officers here that Japanese prisoners had been so informed by their commanders.

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I am not an employer but merely one who has had extensive experience in iron and steel manufacture and the management of large rolling mills. I probably know a little on this subject.

Should the matter not be han-

"All circuits are busy.
I will call you."

Long-distance telephone operators use that phrase more frequently nowadays as they strive to handle the record-breaking load of calls brought about by the war.

Regular users of the long-distance service will remember how, year by year, the service increased in speed until finally most of their calls were put through while they stayed on the line. Now between certain points the traffic has increased to such an extent that at the busiest hours calls sometimes have to be held up until circuits are available. "Why not provide more circuits?" you may say. Unfortunately the wartime regulations won't let us do that because of the material and manpower required. In some cases we have even fewer circuits than before for civilian use as some circuits have been set aside for the exclusive use of the armed forces.

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Gallup Poll

Wartime Marriages Unwise, Wait Till War Finished Is Advice



Letters to Editor

Correspondents are reminded to use one side of the paper only, in write legibly, and to keep communications brief and to a reasonable length. A short letter with a point convincingly emphasized, has a better chance of publication than one with labored obfuscation.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONSHIP

Your powerful editorial of today's date is worthy of every support. It has long been apparent to many of us that the status quo mentality must be completely changed.

The goal of true democracy for the peace-loving peoples for all the future of the world is still a long way from attainment within the present set-up of the United Nations. Perhaps more so in that section which is embodied in the North American continent, where personal interests and social differences appear to be so prominent.

Among all the blunders that the Hun has made in recent times, perhaps the most colossal was that which has caused the gathering together of the free peoples.

Despite all the present social differences and personal interests, this is a people's war, and it must be a people's peace.

B. HALE WALKER,

1071 Redfern Street, Feb. 22.

STEEL PLANT

I have read in today's paper the letter from Mr. Noble, secretary of Victoria Labor Council, who offers a "labor" view and suggestions on postwar development. But if it is a serious effort, I am sorry for the working people who might rely on his guidance, the people he claims to speak for.

I am prepared to believe he is sincere, and to reply in full would take up too much of your valuable space. Because of this I shall only refer to the steel and iron suggestions.

His ideas about local committees having knowledge to decide on this matter is ridiculous, as is his method of a small monthly levy in the communities mentioned. Even if he included the whole province, how could he obtain his authority to assess every wage-earner, and who would find the money to repay all those levies, as he suggests "as soon as the mill came into production?" Would the wage-earner agree to allow some business organization to find the money, and if so, would the general public be prepared to invest their hard-earned cash in a scheme or plant born from the ideas of such committees?

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died properly, and should such a plant be erected, a situation may arise which might create much bitterness. Such a plant could conceivably be found incapable of producing at a price interesting to industry and would shut down overloaded with debt. Some one else in the interest of the workers and having regard to his own profit would have to take it over after liquidation.

Such a plant could not exist

based on local trade, and I should like Mr. Noble and others interested to remember it would have

of necessity to compete with long

established and well conducted

plants located across the world.

W. M. WADDELL,

Victoria, Feb. 22.

Oil Companies Criticized

By Alberta M.L.A.

EDMONTON (CP)—E. Tay-

lor, Social Credit member for

Drumheller, charged in the

Alberta Legislature Tuesday that

there were oil companies who

would "rather lose the war than

the control they hold over the

price of gasoline."

He said he had seen representa-

tives of oil companies "running

around in cars, testing for oil—

a splendid way of avoiding the

excess profits tax."

He had not heard of any oil

companies spending huge sums

for development in Alberta, and

this while Canada was badly in

need of gasoline.

It cited particularly a state-

ment which it attributed to the

London News Chronicle to the

effect that a separate peace en-

tering Finnish neutrality and
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Mr. Hart's 17th Budget

A PART FROM THE FACT THAT HE holds the record in British countries for the number of budgets he has presented to the elected representatives of the people, Hon. John Hart, Premier and Minister of Finance of British Columbia, rendered an account of his stewardship to the Legislature yesterday afternoon that was important both for its intrinsic merit as an accounting feat and for the progressive business policy which it foreshadowed for the coming financial year. Taken in conjunction with the program he enunciated two weeks ago, which envisioned social legislation to fit the urgency of these times, and productive expansion to anticipate post-war needs, it reveals that the province—now to use the vernacular—has something worth shooting at. Moreover, if the government's policies yield results as beneficial in the general sense as those obtained by Mr. Hart's long-range fiscal planning in the difficult pre-war days, British Columbia should be able to face the aftermath of the present conflict with high hopes.

Of particular interest to the taxpayers as a whole is the fact that revenue surpluses materializing during the past nine years have helped substantially in the repayment of a large proportion of the provincial debt, which, together with the successful refunding of other obligations at lower carrying rates, have made it possible since Nov. 1, 1940, to reduce interest requirements by no less a sum than \$1,600,000 annually. The saving thus represented, supplemented by various controls exercised over general expenditure, naturally assisted the government to expand its social service field. The proof is reflected in the provisions made for this and the coming fiscal year in the matter of an increased allowance to old-age pensioners; the cost-of-living bonus to these beneficiaries; and to government employees; the increased grants to education; the supplemental aid to rural school districts; the additional allowances to unemployed and indigents; and the provision of medical care to those who come within the scope of the Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances Acts.

In a comprehensive fashion, therefore, Mr. Hart's 17th budget obviously has produced an earnest of the government's intention to proceed with some of those forward-looking policies to which the Premier alluded in specific detail in his address to the House earlier in the month. It will be observed, moreover, that while large sums of money are now being provided for immediate aid to those sections of the community which require it most, important preparatory steps are being taken toward such positive measures as will improve future living conditions, promote industrial activity and, at the same time, prevent undue hardships during the transition from war to peace. Proof of this, too, is to be found in the proposed survey with respect to hydro-electric power development and the electrification of the province's rural areas; also, by the same token, the \$15,000,000 loan bill presages a practical attack on the inevitable postwar problems.

Public approval will follow Mr. Hart's progressive outlook for the future; it is evident he is fully cognizant of and understands the trend of the times, not only as they entail public policy, but also because they have a direct relationship to the winning of the war and the attainment of a permanent peace. At the same time, it was fitting that the Premier warned against many of the parades and cure-all systems that appeal to the uninformed but are either illusory or outside the field of provincial jurisdiction. As far as may be practicable within the operative realm of his government, however, Mr. Hart intends his 17th budget speech to be regarded as an encouraging sequel to the general program that will give British Columbia the fullest opportunity to reach the goal to which it is entitled.

Mr. Saracoglu's Plain Talk

TURKEY'S METICULOUSLY PROPER diplomatic behavior since the beginning of the war seemed to undergo a slight change of balance in the radio address which Premier Sukru Saracoglu delivered for the benefit of the Turkish people on Sunday. Not that he said anything which the Axis nations justifiably could describe as a definite swing to the cause of the United Nations; they have known where Turkish sentiment, official and popular, has inclined for several months—particularly since war material from Great Britain and the United States has been arriving in Turkey in ever-growing quantities.

But when the head of the government at Ankara intimated that the conference between Mr. Churchill and himself would "bear the most useful fruits" for both countries, that the Adana meeting "should long live in Turkish memories," and spoke enthusiastically of Britain as "his country's sincere friend and ally," he was using the voice of authority which will have been plainly heard and catalogued in Berlin, Rome and Tokyo—and by the puppet governments

of the junior partners of the totalitarian coalition. Nor was it an accident of speech when Mr. Saracoglu recalled that the talks at Adana coincided with the arrival of "an important shipment of war materials constructed in Allied factories."

It would be foolish to suppose, of course, that Mr. Saracoglu intended his broadcast to be a preliminary warning that Turkey is preparing to take an active part in the war on the side of the United Nations. His government is pledged to maintain the country's neutrality until all means of avoiding open conflict have been exhausted. But it will be remembered that a few weeks ago President Inönü told his people the Republic was nearer war than at any previous period; at that time, however, the Wehrmacht in southeastern Russia was far from a spent force. No good purpose will be served, therefore, by reading more into the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday than he intended to convey to his compatriots—and to the world at large.

How Mr. Saracoglu's observations were received in Berlin is a horse of another color. They would not be likely to increase Nazi ambassador Franz von Papen's popularity with his Führer, whose intuitive genius, by the way, has met with considerably less good fortune even than has the high-pressure diplomacy of the German envoy at Ankara and Istanbul. In any event, however, the Turkish Prime Minister has given the Axis something to think about. Hitler and Mussolini no longer hold the patent to the war of nerves which they registered at the Brenner Pass.

Ships and More Ships

THREE YEARS AGO IN THE HOUSE OF Commons at Ottawa, Mr. R. W. Mayhew, Victoria's able representative, advocated a comprehensive shipbuilding program for the Dominion. But he did not let it go at that; he worked behind the scenes and buttonholed ministers and members in his efforts to impress upon them the urgency of the situation as it then presented itself to him. Nearly a year later—as he quite properly reminded his fellow members in a telling speech on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne the other day—active steps were taken and the program was launched. It has developed rapidly and on a scale of imposing proportions. Moreover, while the shipyards of British Columbia are producing vessels of various types and in double the volume Mr. Mayhew originally expected, the Victoria member had this to say to the House:

"We need merchant ships; we need ships that will convoy them across the seas; we need ships that are going to patrol our coasts, and we have not sufficient of any of these three types of boats. I am going to suggest, and I think it is time, that we consider the advisability of converting some of our manpower and some of our steel into the building of ships."

Developing his argument still further, Mr. Mayhew reminded the government that "we do not need to go very far from Ottawa to find along the railway tracks quite a quantity of materials which, for lack of shipping, we are unable to ship across the seas." But what struck the Victoria member as it will strike most business minds was the prospect of an anomalous situation developing in which Canada's tanks and other bulky war material pouring from the Dominion's factories in increasing volume might be held up indefinitely because of the paucity of shipping space. Similar remarks, of course, could be applied to foodstuffs for which the overseas demand continues to grow.

Mr. Mayhew's advocacy of a steel plant for the Pacific Coast began in earnest long ago. Canada might have been building more ships in British Columbia by this time if his advice had been heeded. It is to be hoped, however, that the enormous toll exacted from Allied shipping by Axis submarines—which shows no real abatement—will point the way to action that will, at least, meet the postwar demand. Uninformed speculation as to what conditions will then prevail on this coast naturally will be disregarded by those in touch with actualities.

Mr. Churchill Better

ONE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT IN London said the other day that Mr. Churchill is suffering more from his own stubbornness than from a really serious illness. He simply refused to go to bed until his medical advisers figuratively brought up all the reinforcements that were necessary to execute a complete enveloping movement. Evidently seeing no way of escape, he finally capitulated, took to the sheets and blankets—and then began to worry his nurses and doctors almost to death by constantly demanding his precious cigars. What else could one expect from this irresponsible man, this human dynamo, this extraordinary person whose blood pressure seems to rise every time he has to refer to Mussolini, this man who shook his fist at Hitler in that tragic summer of 1940 and told him to bring on everything he could throw at that gallant little island in the North Sea? Of course he is a bad patient. But it is comforting to learn that he has had a good night and that his condition shows a marked improvement this morning. All the peoples of the United Nations hope he will soon be fit and well again.

Hour by hour the war draws closer to Rome itself. If the Duke is foresighted, he will from now on be using a fire-escape for a balcony.

Our felicitations to the vandals of Italy, who, the cable reports say, now go about drawing the Hitler moustache and "ewlick" on portraits of the Duce. It may not be art, and Tokyo—and by the puppet governments

Loose Bits

INDEPENDENT WITNESS

G RANT DEXTER of the Winnipeg Free Press writes his version of Bruce Hutchison's meeting with the King of the Hoboes on a recent Sunday morning in New York: We were up a 9 o'clock this morning, with 12 hours free before train time. About noon, four of us were walking along 49th Street towards Fifth Avenue: Bruce Hutchison of Victoria, John Deutsch of External Affairs, Capt. Goldenberg of Munitions and Supply, and myself. We had bought tickets for the afternoon concert in Carnegie Hall and were looking for a place to lunch.

We had, with difficulty, persuaded Mr. Hutchison to come to the concert. He was against symphony concerts. People should stay close to nature; to the soil, the good, wholesome earth. Think of springtime on Vancouver Island with snowdrops and crocuses, daffodils and primroses, etc. Symphony concerts, he suspected, were decadent; part of the gloss with which great cities hide their inward rotteness.

WEASELS AND VICTORIA

AT THE FIRST intersection, with Mr. Hutchison still in full fury, Mr. Goldenberg stepped into a cigar store to phone a friend. While we were waiting, a tall man offered us a paper. He had a hard face, a cast in one eye, a Popeye chin. His clothes were soiled, but he wore an expensive leather glove on his left hand.

Glancing at the front page, Mr. Hutchison discovered that it was not a newspaper. The masthead read: "The Hoboes Weekly." After spitting on the sidewalk, the man said, by way of explanation, that he was the king of the hoboes and had been in every city and town on the continent.

Had he been in Victoria?

"Victoria?" he said. "Yes, I was there once, brother, Victoria is lousy with weasels. Never saw anything like it."

Mr. Hutchison's local pride was outraged and a violent controversy ensued.

"What do you mean, weasels," shouted Mr. Hutchison. He had lived in Victoria ever since he was so high and had never seen a weasel. Everybody knew that there never had been a weasel within miles of the place.

The King of the Hoboes surveyed Mr. Hutchison with skepticism and distaste. He affirmed, blasphemously, that Victoria absolutely teemed with weasels and they weren't two-legged ones, either. In point of fact, while at Victoria he had been grievously wounded in the left hand by masses of weasels; hence the glove. Would we like him to take off the glove and prove what beasts these Victoria weasels are?

Mr. Hutchison again repelled the charge, but in a lower and rather ingratiating tone conceded that Victoria did have occasional bouts with mountain lions. No doubt this explained everything. He recalled a stirring encounter he had with a mountain lion long ago. It attacked him without warning, lying in ambush on a porch roof. Luckily a fence post had been handy and, though the post-mortem had proved that the beast was old and enfeebled, he had never forgotten the experience.

The King of Hoboes was shaken by this narrative but concluded that you never can tell what names people in outlandish places like Victoria will give to animals. Anywhere else in North America they would call them weasels.

Mr. Goldenberg emerged from the cigar store. Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Deutsch got up from the pavement, dusted their pants. As we moved off, Mr. Hutchison pocketed The Hoboes Weekly for future reference. We turned in at a restaurant and ate lunch in a depressed silence.

An odd place, New York. Or is it the people who go to New York. Maybe the hobo was also just a visitor?

FROGS FROM HEAVEN

BRITISH INFORMATION Service in Washington was faced with a pretty problem recently when a woman from Arkansas wrote in for proof that it sometimes rained frogs in heavy thundershowers.

It seems that this woman had adopted two British children for the duration. Riding home in the family car one evening, they ran into an unusually heavy rainstorm, with clouds blacker than they had ever seen and water coming down in buckets. Then a few little white objects began to pelt the car. They thought they must be hallstones, but when they looked closer, it developed there were frogs pouring out of the sky. It was wonderful, and America sure was a great country.

Next day in school the British children, all excited, told about this truly great experience they had been through. But instead of being heroes, the poor British youngsters got nothing but the raspberry. Teachers and their schoolmates all pooh-poohed such nonsense.

The British children came home to their adopted mother in tears. That's what started the Arkansas woman to writing letters to Washington to see if something couldn't be done to restore her charges' spirit.

B.I.S. called up some scientist in Washington and sure enough, they did find scientific proof that sometimes when the sun was sucking up water real hard, it did suck some shallow ponds dry, frogs and all. And they could prove, they said, that sometimes these frogs came down in rainstorms.

That's what they wrote—the Arkansas woman, anyway, and they hope it will help keep the United Nations united.

Parallel Thoughts

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3.

True love's the gift which God has given To man alone beneath the heaven. Scott.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"Yes, bring me the bill, George! I know it's early, but I have to see that my grandchildren don't stay up too late!"

Towards Our Greatest Ordeal

Prime Minister Mackenzie King, in a statement supporting the Canadian Red Cross national campaign for \$10,000,000, which is now getting under way, says:

"I am deeply gratified to learn that the Canadian Red Cross Society is launching an appeal to the people of Canada for \$10,000,000 to enable it to continue in its beneficial work in the relief of human suffering in this critical year of the war.

"I am pleased to know that over half of this amount will be used to keep up the work of packing prisoner of war food parcels, which the Canadian Red Cross is now producing at the rate of 100,000 a week, of which the society itself donates the cost of 30,000 a week, and that the remainder of the sum raised will be expended, partly upon hospital supplies and upon forces and civilian war victims in Britain, partly for aid in disasters and emergencies and for blood donor services and other aims of similar worth.

"In this, the fourth year of the war, it is particularly important that we give the utmost measure of our aid to the Canadian Red Cross Society. As I remarked at the beginning of the year, 'as the areas of conflict close in, the fighting will increase in intensity and ferocity. The coming year will see all our armed forces in action. We may be called upon to pass through the greatest ordeal in our country's history.'

"Bearing this thought in mind, the people of Canada will, I am confident, give a generous response to this appeal of the Canadian Red Cross for the funds so

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Log of the House

FINANCE

For the 17th time, Tuesday, Hon. John Hart moved that Mr. Speaker "do now leave the chair," that the House go into committee of supply to grant supply "unto His Majesty." That flowery, ancient phrase meant Mr. Hart had finished his annual budget and that shortly the legislators would start voting money to run the people's affairs.

Mr. Hart, who as Premier controls the entire government and as Minister of Finance keeps his hand as securely as ever on the province's purse strings, once more gave a thorough accounting of British Columbia's financial affairs. He dealt in sums of money that dazzle most people. Probably no one in the House or the galleries knew exactly what he was talking about—except the Premier himself and the Victoria bank managers who sat as honored guests on the floor.

GRATIFYING

When he was finished with his astronomical figures, Mr. Hart gave an excellent speech, showing once more he has his hands on the pulse of affairs and is willing to listen to other people. He said his government is anxious to treat civil servants fairly. The finances of the province are gratifying, he said, but he cautioned about declining revenues, stating bluntly motor license fees are going to drop and that liquor profits will take an awful fall. Because there are more people in the province, the government is concerned about rising costs of public services. Strict controls would be necessary. He said his government sees the need for a better world and a better way of life and will work to that end. But he warned people to beware of cure-all theories, which, he said, appeal to the uninformed. Where reform is needed, he said, there shall be reform.

In his buttonhole Mr. Hart wore a white camellia, sent from the press gallery with the hope that the Premier would give another 17 budgets to this House.

RED

Behind him sat Public Works Minister Herbert Anscomb. He wore a red rose in his buttonhole, also a gift from the press gallery, with congratulations on his 51st birthday. Mr. Anscomb looked a little surprised at the color. He wondered whether he had become a Liberal or a Communist.

When the budget was finished the House got along with routine business. The C.C.F. intimated it wasn't going to be rushed. Opposition leader Harold Winch and Minister of Labor Geo. Pearson crossed some verbal swords when it came to an act which will give the government power to wipe out statutory holidays. In this, he was with an Ottawa request. Mr. Winch feared labor

Deplores Wrecking Of Natural Beauty

Wanton destruction of its natural beauty and neglect of its historically interesting spots was partly responsible for B.C.'s unfavorable tourist balance in the years before the war, Claude R. Harrison said Tuesday at Kiwanis Club.

Speaking of the Leech River gold rush and other events in the early days of Vancouver Island, Mr. Harrison illustrated his address with slides.

One scene showed the old governor's house, built when Vancouver Island was a crown colony. Mr. Harrison deplored the fact that this historic building had been allowed to fall into ruin so that today only a cairn marks the site where it once stood.

The last few scenes showed giant timber stands which once made this island and a large part of the mainland a lush, green paradise. He showed identical scenes of the same spots today, stripped of their growth, and presenting a picture of destruction.

Such destruction, he said, was responsible for the fact that while every other province in Canada was showing a favorable balance of tourist trade during the late 1930's, B.C.'s was adverse.

"We think we are going ahead," he said. "But I don't know."

Mr. Harrison urged that re-planting was the only solution, and that this would have to be done at the taxpayer's expense.

"We thought we could get this province out of debt by allowing unrestricted exploitation of its natural resources, but today we're deeper in debt than ever," he said.

Decks were pretty well prepared for the budget address, which starts today. Then will come estimates and resolutions. The two big bills of the session—acts to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act—are likely to be long, and something more is bound to be heard about the Japanese question. But no one will be sorry when the second session of the 20th Legislature becomes history—for a warm spring sun is vainly trying these days to get past the black-out shutters on the Legislative Chamber's high windows and is tantalizing everybody.—J.K.N.

HIGH HORSE

The C.C.F. got on its high horse when it came to passing a law that would give a curfew to unorganized territory. Mr. Winch and Mrs. Steeves didn't like the law at all and said so. They feared abuses of it. But Mr. Maitland pressed on and got his bill through.

The rest of the afternoon passed smoothly. The M.L.A.'s got through a lot of business. Mr. Pearson agreed to a few days' wait. Mr. Pearson agreed,



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By HAMPTON

Indoors and outdoors, these smooth new Frocks are just what you need for a busy spring and summer. Made of Courtaulds' Quality Controlled Rayon in smart shirtwaist and coat styles.

Neat little prints you'll enjoy wearing for months. Shirtwaisters have soft pouchy or patch pockets... cozy frocks with round necklines, front and back yokes. All have good buttons and belts. Skirts are jawfully slim... yet full enough for flattering lines.

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Blouses such as these are as much a part of spring as daffodils and violets. Makes you glad suit weather is here again... so you can wear one.

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Dorothy Dix:

Service Men's Wives Should Prepare for Postwar Years

The war marrying epidemic, which has practically carried off every female between the kindergarten and the beauty repair shop, has left the country flooded with temporary widows who are asking: "Where do we go from here?" And well may they ask the question because they are in an anomalous position in which they are neither maid, nor wife, nor widow, with none of the privileges and prerequisites of either estate.

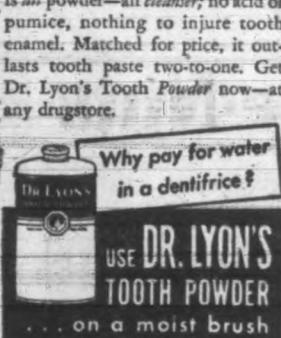
What is going on in the hearts and minds of these short-time wives, only they know, but we may be very certain that most of them are wondering what is going to happen to their marriages after the war. When Johnny comes back home in a

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Ugh! SCRATCHY HANKIES ALWAYS PLAYED HAVOC WITH MY NOSE.. BUT NOW I USE SOFT, SOOTHING KLEENEX TISSUES. BOY - WHAT A RELIEF!

(From a letter by E.F.)



IF YOU CAN'T GET KLEENEX AT YOUR DEALER'S TODAY...

please realize that the popular demand for Kleenex exceeds the production at this time . . . that our armed forces are using and are entitled to considerable quantities of their favorite tissues. Steps are being taken to assure you of Kleenex and your dealer will have a supply in a day or so. We are grateful for your patience.



Sheer Today... Gone Tomorrow!

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(from a letter by H.F.W.)

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Sweeping Beauty!

WHENEVER I BREAK A GLASS I USE A DAMPENED KLEENEX TISSUE TO PICK-UP THE SMALL SLIVERS!

(from a letter by J.G.)

THE GREMLINS



mother was a parasite instead of a go-getter.

And these young war widows should be fitting themselves in their husbands' absence to be the kind of wives their husbands will want when they come home.

The lawyer gets a new set of clients. The clerks and mechanics and bookkeepers find new jobs, or fit themselves to old skills in which they have grown rusty. And it will take a lot of pinching and contriving on the wives' part to make buckle and tongue meet.

So I urge every young wife who has a trade by which she can make a living not only to keep at it, but to try to perfect herself in it so that she can command a higher salary; and every wife who has not a marketable skill to learn one, so that he is talking about when he tries to describe his adventures to her. And Johnny is going to grow up. He will be adult when he comes back, and a wife will have to have something more than a cute way with her and being able to dance the rhumba to hold him.

The little war brides are worrying over whether they will like their husbands or not when they come back. I warn them that they had better lose a lot of sleep over speculating about how they will look to their husbands.

For the soldiers are not going to be the gay, light-hearted frivolous boys who went away. They are going to be men who have been sobered up by the experiences they have been through; men who have looked on death and weighed the values in life, and these men are going to want wives who are worthy of them.

They are going to want clear wives, decent wives, intelligent wives, wives who have been faithful and loyal and who are going to put their shoulders to the wheels and be helpers in building up a new life.

So girls, get busy. Learn how to cook, how to make a comfortable home, how to make money, how to be an interesting companion, how to be the kind of a wife who was worth fighting for.

Uncle Ray

Sufra Chief Forced Into Exile by His Own People

After the doctor had treated the son of the Sufra chief, the party set out on camel back for the long desert journey to Sufra. Capt. Aldro Fornari, leader of the Italians, was hopeful that a treaty could be made with the people of the five oases.

What a journey it was! Time and again there were sandstorms, and the travelers saved themselves only by lying down beside their camels and covering their noses with pieces of cloth.

While struggling across the sand members of the party saw in the distance close to 100 mounted men.

"They are from Sufra," said the chief.

"They have come to welcome us!" exclaimed Fornari.

The chief was right, but Fornari was wrong. When the mounted men came close enough for their voices to carry, they leveled their rifles and called out an order to surrender!

The small party felt helpless against such a number, and gave up without a fight. Mohammed Senoussi, the chief, learned that a rebellion had broken out against him, and he had lost all power.

After being taken to one of the Kufra towns, the three Italians were placed under guard, and Mohammed Senoussi was ordered to appear before a judge.

"You have broken one of the laws of your religion," the judge said to him. "You have tried to sell Kufra to the Christian Italians. For this we will do you no harm, because of the regard we have for your grandfather, Sidi Ahmed Senoussi. Please be on his name! but you must leave Kufra, and not come back."

The Italian prisoners were told that they would be shot the next morning. They waited in dread, but in the morning they were told that the shooting was to be held off for a time.

Some of the Arabs wanted to sell the prisoners as slaves, but the others would not agree. At length Fornari was able to talk with several of the leaders.

"Instead of killing us as slaves," he said, "why don't you hold us for ransom?"

The Arabs agreed to this plan, and Fornari was allowed to leave in a caravan bound for Egypt. Later he made his way to Bengasi, and obtained the needed money. The money was sent back to Kufra, and Fornari's companions were set free.

(For adventure or general interest section of your scrapbook.)

Boy Scouts Needed

Appeal for leaders to help on the Boy Scout work in this area was voiced by Maj. Hugh Hunter, commissioner at the Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

Maj. Hunter said that through enlistments 200 Boy Scout leaders and a large number of former scouts had left this district.

"Without the help of high school girls, who are doing excellent work among the Cub packs, we would be finding it impossible to carry on," said Maj. Hunter. He urged Kiwanians interested to get in touch with him.

Our Boarding House, with Major Hoople



"SO I TRIES MY LUCK WIF TH MISSISSIPPI MARBLES . . . DOES YOU WISH TO SPECULATE?"

"HERE'S FINE TO SHOT FOR ME, JASON! TAKE ALONG A LAUNDRY BAG!"

"W'D WALLET IS SICK TOO ="

"EGAD! JUST HAND HIM A FINER FOR ME TOO, BUSTER! → I'D TROT UPSTAIRS FOR MY WALLET BUT FOR A SUDDEN ATTACK OF GOUT."

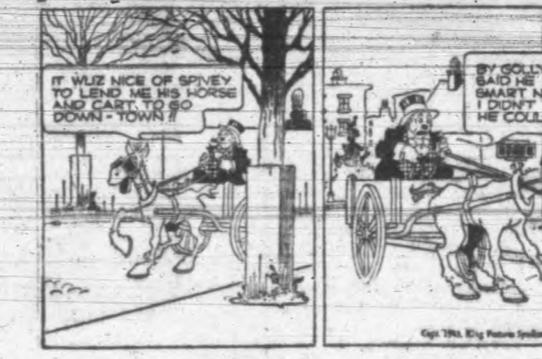
OUT OUR WAY



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

By Williams

Bringing Up Father



"BY GOLLY, HEY, SPINNY, I'D WUZ SMART HAS - BUT I DINT THINK HE COULD READ."

"BUTCHIE SHOE, HOW TODAY HAD HAD SOME LATER?"

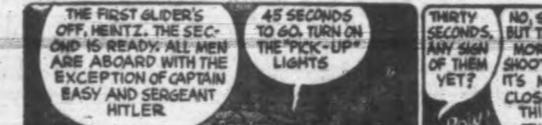


By George McManus

Boots and Her Buddies



"HMPH"



"NOW DON'T BE LIKE THAT, LOVELY."

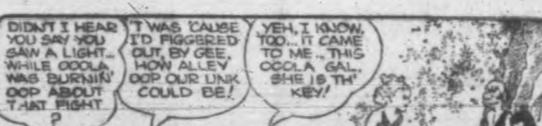
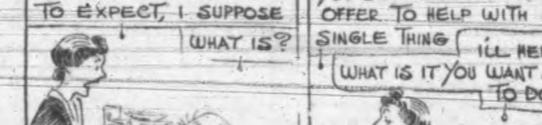
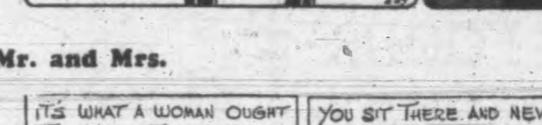


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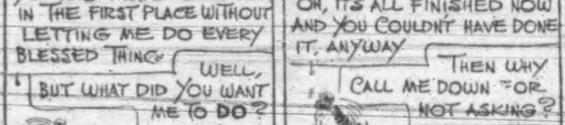


By Martin

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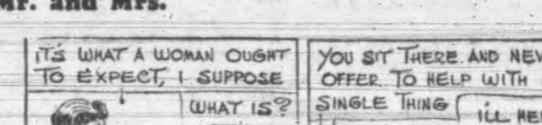


"AND NOW, SIR!"



By Roy Crane

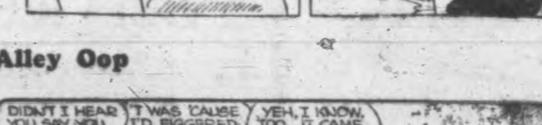
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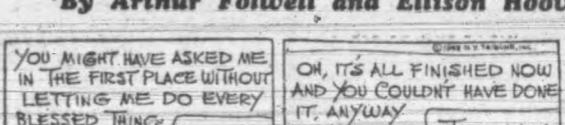
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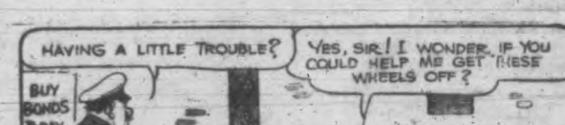
"BUT WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO DO?"



"WELL, CALL ME DOWN - OR NOT ASKING?"



"THEN WHY CALL ME DOWN - OR NOT ASKING?"



By V. T. Hamlin

Alley Oop



"I'D PIGGED OUT, GEE, HOW ALLEY OOP COULD TALK LIKE THAT!"

"T'WAS CAUSE TO ME, THIS OCALA GAL, SHUT TH' KEY."



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Canteens Found To Be Unprofitable

The Y.M.C.A. operates 536 locations in Canada, but only 49 of these have canteens," said Warren Martin, local delegate to the annual gathering of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in Toronto. Mr. Martin made his report to the monthly meeting of the directors of the local "Y" Monday.

"Many people have thought the Auxiliary Services are very anxious to get canteens wherever possible," continued Mr. Martin. "This is not true, as canteens are not profitable undertakings and create a tremendous amount of work, which takes up time that otherwise could be put into programs for the men. Five per cent of the gross sales of these canteens operating in the Dominion go to the local command. Two per cent of the profits made are allowed to be kept and this amount is expected to be for the Y.M.C.A. war secretaries and does not touch the outer fringe of the cost of these operations. One hundred canteens are operated overseas by the Y.M.C.A., the entire profits of these going back to the services."

BOYS' WORK EMERGENCY

"A great deal of attention was given to a statement that boys' work was now an emergency. With so many homes being broken by parents going overseas or moving into war industries, it was felt that wherever possible priorities should be given to boys' work in associations across the country. Many service clubs have been enlisted for leadership in this vital work and some excellent results are being obtained. Men who formerly worked in the Y.M.C.A. and because of their age or other activities, dropped the Y.M.C.A. work for the time being are being called back into service to take the place of the men who have left the associations and gone overseas. Eleven associations across Canada are at the present time without boys' work secretaries. 'Hi-Y' has been growing very fast in the east, with one school of 400 members for one club and four chapters in the one school."

"The big problem of young men's work today is that of boys who have just left high school or grade school and are working in war industries at high rates of pay. This sudden change in their life is creating a problem which is going to take a great deal of deep thought to solve. Many new leaders will be needed for such work, and the volunteer leadership of older men must be enlisted."

"Tracy Strong reported for the Y.M.C.A. international committee and said that due not to physical discipline or food rationing but to the attitude of defeatism in the minds of many war prisoners, the Y.M.C.A. work in conjunction with the Red Cross has been able to keep many of these boys from going insane."

MASSACRES

"Europe is weary of war, which is easily understandable. Individuals would like to express themselves but are unable to, which will result, at the close of this war, Mr. Strong fears, in massacres such as the world has never seen. Y.M.C.A. workers in such a field have a terrific task on their hands. Money is of no use in Europe. The nation or country which controls materials is the wealthy one. The Christian church has dwelt in the hearts of men, even though Hitler and his gangster have broken up the institution. Germany knows how we handle our war prisoners, so,

Post Office Doubles Sale of War Stamps

Post Office sales of war savings stamps have doubled in three months, it was reported at a meeting Monday of the Public Schools War Savings committee and the stamp sales section of the National War Finance committee in the latter's headquarters, 531 Bastion Street.

November sales were \$4,328, December \$6,578, and January \$12,778.

Representatives of the schools were Capt. F. Dexter, Oak Bay schools; John Gough, Esquimalt, and Hugh Creelman, Saanich. Teachers, for supervision of student sales were also present, including Miss I. A. Thomas, Miss Olive Heritage, Miss A. W. Eaton and G. H. Green.

Miss Eaton, staff supervisor, said that the Grade 12 boys of Victoria High School proved themselves fine salesmen, having sold \$40 worth of stamps since they took over the responsibilities formerly in charge of the girls.

Many ideas relative to increasing the sale of stamps in the schools were exchanged, and a discussion of methods revealed that the ledger sheets being used by most teachers enabling children to contribute a penny at a time have proved most successful.

A limited number of Family Record Albums are available at National War Finance committee headquarters, Mrs. H. S. Hurn said today. They are fitted with envelopes and ledger sheets for each member of the family, and are decorated with the motto, "To save ourselves, we must save our dollars."

Emergency Centres

Seven emergency rest centres have been established by the Canadian Red Cross Society in the Victoria area for the temporary accommodation of people who may be rendered homeless as the result of enemy action or who may be suffering from wounds not sufficiently serious to necessitate removal to hospital. These rest centres should not be confused with A.R.P. air raid shelters.

Victoria — Salvation Army Citadel, Catherine Street; Victoria West; Centennial Church, Victoria High School, Margaret Jenkins School and South Park School.

Oak Bay — The old High School. Esquimalt — Esquimalt High School.

Four church groups are working in conjunction with the Red Cross where similar temporary accommodation will be provided for the homeless. They are: First United Church, Metropolitan Church, Fairfield United Church and St. Andrew's Cathedral.

A.R.P. wardens are asked to learn the locations and arrangements of rest centres in their districts so they may be in a position to direct people to them.

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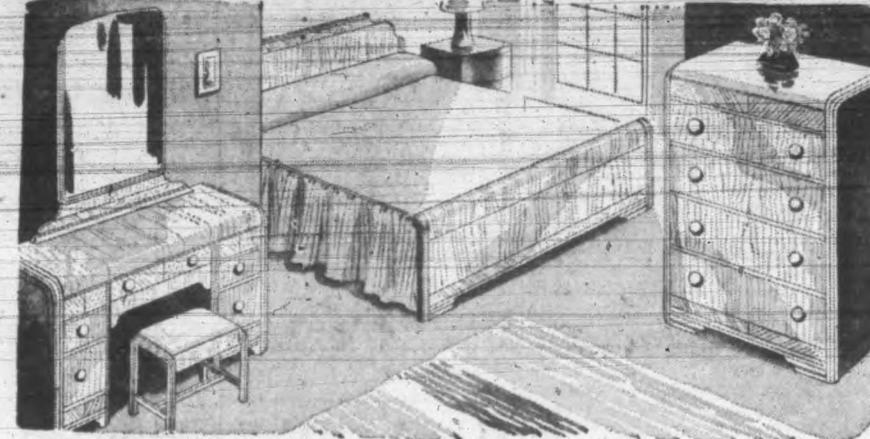
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Bargain Highway

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

ARMY ARE TOP DOGS in the local hockey world. The troops fired the last torpedo into the Navy Monday night in rather definite fashion, taking the three games into consideration there remains no doubt as to which was the better club. Army hits its smoothest form of the season on entering the playoffs, and there was just no stopping this "hot" outfit. From the goalie out, the team was clicking and its terrific driving power was more than the Navy could cope with.

Next stop on the Army's schedule is New Westminster, where Lieut. W. E. Warburton's charges meet up with either St. Regis or R.C.A.F. for the British Columbia championship and a path that leads to the Allan Cup. If this series goes more than five games we will eat the best Stetson any body wishes to offer. We will concede the mainland winners one game, on the strength of their having the advantage of playing the first two games on home ice, but nothing more. The bigger ice surface at New Westminster should prove a picnic for those dynamite plays of Messrs. Desilets, Carse and Kreller. They will have room to really move around and, now that Desilets has started to find the net, watch the Flying Frenchman score goals.

Keith Matthews, youthful scribe of the Vancouver Sun, dropped into the Archa for Monday night's game. Previous to watching the Army perform he had been extolling the fighting spirit and speed of the Air Force club on the mainland. He fully expects the Flyers to take St. Regis. After watching the Army whip the Navy, Matthews came up with the remark: "Army will take the series in five games."

All-time Boxing Greats

Johnson Best Heavy?

By HUGH FULLERTON

NEW YORK (AP)—Just to start an argument, Francis Albertanti, who hasn't missed a major sports event since Ben Brush won the Kentucky Derby, started the other day to pick the best fighters he has seen in each weight class—he started with Jack Johnson—"Joe Louis might hit him in a couple of months of swinging"—and the argument started, too . . . Nat (Mr. Boxing) Fleischer agreed on Johnson because of his cleverness though

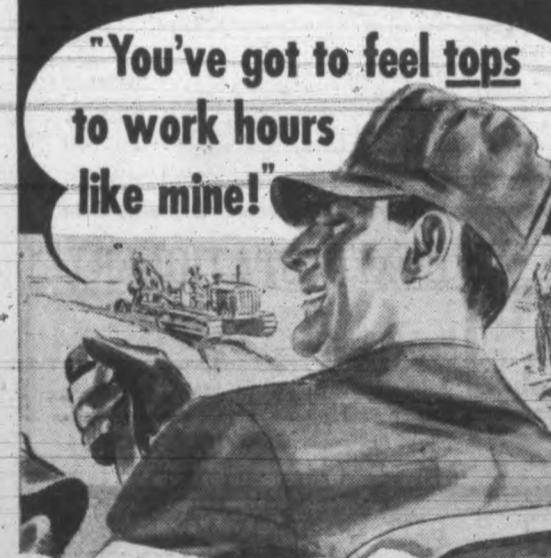
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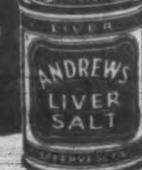


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High Rugby Teams Battle to Draw In Rough Battle

In the roughest game of the Howard-Russell Cup series, the Oak Bay rugby team held a fighting Victoria High fifteen to a 3 to 3 draw Tuesday afternoon, leaving the interhigh standings in the best-of-five games at Victoria High 2, Oak Bay 1 and 1 draw.

Oak Bay took the kickoff, and for the first few minutes play was held in Victoria territory until sturdy, little Don Thomas dribbled the ball back over centre, where it was picked up by Harry Wood who carried it only a few yards before being stopped.

Victoria High three-quarter line opened up with speedy ground-gaining runs and brilliant passing. Don Woodhouse and Selby Taylor, Oak Bay, blocked several thrusts before a three-way combination from Len Scott to Wood, and from Wood to Bill Thorburn gave the latter the chance of taking it over the line for the first score. Shortly before the close of the half, Woodhouse, Oak Bay captain, was carried off because of an injured knee.

Both teams turned on the heat in the second half, Cliff Denham and Selby Taylor fighting hard for Oak Bay, while Phil Narod and Fred Donaghy were the main bulkwarks for Victoria High.

THE SCORE

Emerging from a melee in front of the Victoria High goal, Norm Baker carried the ball over to the score.

For the rest of the period, Oak Bay played largely on the defensive. Bill Dempsey received a kick in the head and was carried off. Most heated moment of the game came when one of the spectators stuck out his foot to trip Donaghy carrying the ball only five yards from the Oak Bay goal-line. For a moment it appeared as if a free-for-all would result. Referee Doug Bray requested the spectator to leave the field.

Open Play Tonight In Table Tennis

Play in the western Canada table tennis championships opens tonight at the Crystal Garden at 7:30 with local players in action. Out-of-town competitors will not take part until Friday. Finals are scheduled Saturday night.

With a smart entry from many points of the Pacific Northwest one of the finest tournaments in local history is anticipated.

Tonight's draw follows:

7:30—J. Collier vs. S. McKenna; P. Satterfield vs. K. Olsen; C. Couture vs. R. Ricketts; B. Mackay vs. A. Downham; J. Price vs. J. Derry; J. McKellar vs. W. Tuthill.

8:00—Ruth and Joy Payne vs. A. Downham and J. Derry; Mc Keller and N. Ley vs. Tuthill and J. Kirchner; Prior and Collier vs. P. Ruocco and P. Rabone (R.A.F.); K. Olsen vs. T. Taylor; 8:30—V. S. Tully vs. P. Rabone (R.A.F.); J. Bartlam (R.A.F.) vs. K. Olsen; T. Taylor vs. S. McKenzie; Satterfield vs. J. Kirchner; G. Elworthy and Partners vs. S. Ngai and C. Ngai; W. Tuthill vs. J. McKellar.

9:00—Junior doubles, handicaps, mixed doubles.

After taking some golf lessons from Henry Picard, the New York Giants' Carl Hubbell shot a neat 79 the other day to lead Lloyd Waner's trimming. Now Lloyd is taking his game to Picard for an overhauling.

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Play Dramatizes Welfare Work

Written by Mrs. Frances Barr of Victoria, the two-act play, "Help Incorporated," produced at the joint meeting of four welfare organizations at the Shrine Auditorium Tuesday night, expressed in a succinct dramatic way an instance of the much-needed help these societies provide.

The character parts, especially in the first act, were portrayed authentically, and Sylvia Chandy as the pathetic invalid mother of two problem children is especially to be commended since she took over the part with only a couple of days notice.

Others in the cast were Roberta Murray as Dora Wilson, Constance Thompson as Helen Brown and John Beckwith, who showed much originality in his role as the wayward son Gordon.

Representing their own organizations in the second act were Mrs. A. I. Spurgin, Family Welfare Association; Miss Alberta Greaser, Victorian Order of Nurses; Mrs. W. E. M. Mitchell, John Howard Society; Miss Lyne Mess, Children's Aid Society; H. L. Smith, principal Victoria High School, and H. G. Wyatt, social assistance worker.

Cafe Owner Fined \$50 For Having Liquor

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TOWN TOPICS

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Ration coupons valid today are Nos. 1 to 13 for sugar, tea or coffee and Nos. 5 to 8 for butter. Butter coupons expire Feb. 28.

Norman Potter, R.R.1, Royal Oak, told police Tuesday his car had been prowled while it was parked at the V.M.D. parking lot. Two cameras, a leather coat and eight gallons of gasoline were taken, he said.

A.R.P. wardens and interested persons are invited to attend a lecture on war gases at 8 tonight at the Victoria West School auditorium. Besides discussing the types of gases and how they can be identified, protection against poison gases will be outlined.

Damage was negligible at a fire which broke out Tuesday afternoon in some rubbish in the basement of Welch's Candy Shop, 743 Fort Street. Slight damage resulted from a garage blaze caused by a spark from a chimney at 1503 Rockland Court.

Farmers wishing to dispose of dairy butter to local bakers are advised by Ottawa authorities to communicate with W. S. Norrington, president of the Victoria Bakers' Association, 1029 Cook Street. That type of butter, according to a letter received at the City Hall, may be sold to bakers provided the farmer has the required permit.

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Japs On Crown Timber Lands Scored By Cabinet Ministers

Cabinet ministers and members of the Legislature today were mixed in their opinions regarding Ottawa's order-in-council which will permit employment of Japanese labor for the war's duration in the lumber and logging industry on B.C. crown lands.

Lands Minister A. Wells Gray said this ruling overrides strong opposition of the B.C. government and was passed under the War Measures Act.

"This government opposed the idea on account of the fire hazard that might result," Mr. Gray said. "The responsibility now is Ottawa's. Interior lumbermen wanted Japanese laborers for their mills and in the timber limits, but we turned them down. When we sold the rights to cut timber it was on the distinct understanding that Japanese were not to be employed. However, Ottawa has seen fit to overrule us and the responsibility is now theirs."

Minister of Labor Geo. Pearson, who strongly opposed employment of Japanese in such capacity, said today: "It is Ottawa's decision and we must accept it. They know better than we do, I daresay, whether these men should work in this industry. It is Ottawa's decision and we bow to high requirements."

Attorney-General Maitland said "our attitude is unchanged by Ottawa's action."

He said the province would not change its statute prohibiting Japanese from working on crown lands, despite Ottawa's request that this be done.

TO OFFSET SHORTAGE

The departmental announcement said the order was passed to assist in offsetting the serious shortage of lumber required for the war program. Japanese labor now is employed in logging operations on freehold lands in non-protected areas of British Columbia, and also is employed there and elsewhere in other essential industries.

The order-in-council it was expected that without the employment of additional labor there would have been a shortage of boxes for the 1943 Okanagan Valley fruit crop. Storms on the Pacific coast this winter have closed logging camps, and for this season there will be a drop of 100,000,000 feet in the output from coastal areas alone," said Mr. Williamson.

"The employment of Japanese on crown lands in the interior of British Columbia will do much to alleviate the threatened shortage." He said the Japanese are already in the areas where they would be employed, that they wish to work, and that they are at the moment "supported in idleness by public funds."

a truck driver to call the Oak Bay police.

Maximum penalty under the criminal code for such an offence is two years.

FO. Haines Missing Since Dec. 3, Safe

Reported missing after air operations over enemy territory last Dec. 3, FO. Alfred Roy Haines, well-known Victoria athlete, has arrived safely at Gibraltar, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Haines, Cedar Hill Road, learned today from R.C.A.F. headquarters, Ottawa.

FO. Haines was observer in a Halifax bomber in a raid Dec. 3. No mention was made in the Ottawa telegram of how Haines escaped, although it is believed he survived a crash in enemy territory and made his way to Gibraltar.

Since reported missing, it has been learned that he was promoted from pilot officer.

A native of New Westminster, Haines was educated in Vancouver. For a number of years he was on the staff of the Duncan Consolidated School. Before joining the R.C.A.F. in 1941, Haines completed postgraduate study at University of B.C.

He completed his training as an air observer at Mossbank, Sask., in the fall of 1941, was commissioned and proceeded overseas immediately.

FO. Haines is well known among Victoria's athletic fraternity through his baseball and basketball activities.

He was a member of the Sons of Canada ball club in the senior league for several seasons and after taking up residence in Duncan. He continued his baseball career and also turned out with the mid-island basketball club.

Carew Martin, K.C., will appear as crown prosecutor and Mr. Justice A. M. Manson is expected to preside.

The list is in striking contrast to the last Fall Assizes here. The latter lasted from Oct. 13 to Dec. 9 and established a record in length in recent years.

Rent Raised to Meet Freeze-up Repairs

Victoria's recent freeze-up and the willful neglect of a tenant brought a new problem to Judge H. H. Shandley in rentals court today.

Through the occupant's negligence, all plumbing in a rented home was frozen and fixtures destroyed. Ordinarily, replacement would be a routine procedure giving the landlord no claim for special consideration in an application to raise rents. However, in view of the extent of the damage and the fact it was directly due to the tenant's action, Judge Shandley allowed a rental increase to reimburse the owner for the outlay entailed in repairing the damage.

The action, he said, would not constitute a precedent.

Other cases heard this morning were of a routine nature.

Obituaries

HOCKING — Private funeral services for Margaret Jean Hocking were conducted Tuesday by Archdeacon Nunn. Cremation at Royal Oak. S. J. Curry & Son were in charge.

SLOW — Funeral services for William Arthur Slow were conducted by Rev. R. C. S. Devenish at Sands' Mortuary, Tuesday. Pallbearers were: W. H. Dallaway and G. Wise, representing the United Service Lodge No. 24, A.F. & A.M.; Capt. D. O'Brian and E. S. Michell, representing the Naval Veterans, who were also shipmates in the Royal Navy; J. Neilson of R.C.N. Dock yard, and R. Ryley.

EDGE — Private funeral services were conducted Tuesday for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Edge by Rev. William Allan. Burial at Royal Oak. S. J. Curry & Son were in charge.

IBSISTER — Rev. Frederic M. Lands conducted funeral services Tuesday at Sands' Mortuary for Dean Wesley Ibsister. Pallbearers were: Bdr. D. R. Humber, S. G. Johnson, C. Eccles, Hubert Hunday, G. and C. W. Chapman. Burial at Royal Oak.

MACINTYRE — Rev. George Biddle conducted funeral service Tuesday at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Marion Macintyre. Pallbearers were H. W. Hart, E. G. Marrion, R. Hayward and R. Hayward Jr. Burial in family plot, Ross Bay.

BURNSIDE — Funeral for Arthur Patrick Burnsides will be conducted by Archdeacon Nunn at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, at 3:30 Thursday. Burial at Ross Bay. McCall Bros. are in charge.

COLLYER — Arthur Edward Collyer, 39, a resident of Chemainus for 32 years and of Saanich for three years, died today at his home, Midgate Avenue. Mr. Collyer was born in Windsor, England. He leaves, besides his wife, two sons, Edward and John, and two daughters, Katherine and Ruth, all at home; also one brother, Charles T. Collyer, Seafarer. Funeral will be conducted from Sands Mortuary Chapel at 1:30 Friday. No flowers by request.

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The damage action of Nicholas M. Franklin against the Quarter Cab Co. and Frederick Welsh, taxi driver, arising from Fort Quadra car collision a year ago, was dismissed with costs by Judge H. H. Shandley in County Court Tuesday.

The counter-claim by the defendant was allowed, with the company recovering \$390 for repairs to the damaged taxi, and \$291.46 for lost earnings through the mishap.

Delivering judgment, Judge Shandley said he found Franklin's negligent driving the sole cause of the accident.

H. W. Davey appeared for the defendant and P. J. Sinnott for the plaintiff.

2-Months' Bride Loses Husband in Sinking

A bride of two months, Mrs. Harry Mears Hobbins, the former Bickley Mortimer of Victoria, received word Tuesday in Washington of the death of her husband, Lieut. Hobbins, U.S. Marines. He is presumed to have lost his life in the sinking of two passenger cargo ships which left 850 "known dead or missing" in the north Atlantic early this month.

Following their marriage Nov. 21, 1942, Lieut. and Mrs. Hobbins resided in New York. When her husband left for overseas service, Mrs. Hobbins returned to the office of the British Army Staff in Washington where she was employed before her marriage.

Besides his wife, Lieut. Hobbins is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hobbins, Chicago, and by two brothers residing in New York.

Dr. A. Harding Priest Will Tour Island

Noted across Canada for his work in religious education, Dr. A. Harding Priest will pay a two-weeks' visit to Victoria and other island centres, beginning Sunday.

Dr. Priest is Western Field Secretary of the General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England in Canada. He will preach at St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill, Sunday morning, and at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church in the evening. Monday he will conduct morning meditation over CJVI, address the Victoria Ministerial Association, and speak to the Sunday School Teachers' Association in the evening. Thursday he will be present at the annual board meeting of the Diocesan Women's Auxiliary, and will be speaker at the Lions' Club. He will visit Salt Spring Island Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Saturday will leave for Nanaimo, Ladysmith and up-island points, where he will conduct Sunday services.

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STEWART'S POPULAR OLD-TIME DANCE, Wednesdays, 8:30, Chamber of Commerce; admission 25¢, including supper; 12:35-3:45.

V.M.D. SPORTS SOCIAL CLUB DANCE, Feb. 23, Crystal Garden, Len Acers orchestra, dancing 8-11; admission 50¢. 12:35-3:45.

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Oak Bay Postwar Plans

Steady Development Urged
For 10 Years At Big Cost

A 10-year post-war development program, to cost \$435,920, was submitted to the Oak Bay Municipal Council Tuesday by Engineer A. S. Musgrave.

The program, which was referred sine die to a committee of the whole, is an extensive plan embracing paving, curbs, sidewalks and boulevards, additions to Windsor Park that will double its area as a playing field and amplify its facilities, creation of asphalt areas as playgrounds, improvements to lanes, retaining wall work and after streetcar construction, of Oak Bay Avenue and Cadboro Bay Road.

Chief work for the fifth year is dependent upon car tracks having been torn up on Oak Bay Avenue. Other developments listed are improvements to New Avenue from Oak Bay Avenue to Windsor, Linkleas Road from McNeil to Central and Byng Street, the cost being \$34,832, improvements to lanes taking another \$4,000 and retaining wall work \$5,000.

"Odd improvements" on Beach Drive, Central Avenue and work on lanes will occupy the sixth year at a cost of \$44,955.

Monterey Avenue from Beach Drive to McNeil, Falkland Road from Beach Drive to McNeil and Haultain Street, Fair Street and W. Thompson would be improved during the seventh year, the cost being \$42,729.

For the eighth year \$39,641 is allocated for Transit Road and King George Terrace, and in the ninth year \$40,978 earmarked for improvements to the following:

Falkland, Tinto, Hazel, Bartlett, Hampshire, three stretches of Dalhousie, Bowker Place, Foul Bay, Lulie, Monteith and Island.

The 10th and last year provides for improvements to Beach Drive from Thorpe to Rutland and Foul Bay from Oak Bay Avenue to Neil at a cost of \$41,192.

THE SUGGESTIONS

Not dealt with in the report as concrete recommendations but suggested by Engineer Musgrave as matters for the council to consider for the first 10 postwar years were construction of a Municipal Hall and beautification of grounds around it, additions to schools, construction of open-air, salt water swimming pools, reservation of a park area on the waterfront, extension of street lighting and construction of a breakwater to Mary Tod Island; the last-named he suggested might also be considered as a federal project.

Summing up, Mr. Musgrave's report said:

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"It is obvious that we have one of the finest natural settings in the whole province, and with a balanced progressive program we can be a show spot that will pay ample dividends on expenditures.

"In common with the rest of Canada we may be forced into a public works program of unusual proportions; the financing may partly be a federal matter, possibly in the form of direct grants plus interest-free loans. In our case a certain fairly large proportion will be 'local improvements,' therefore will not necessitate any extra load on the present mill rate.

"In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this report is not one of extravagant expenditure, and with certain reductions due in municipal sinking fund requirements it is quite possible that the work could be carried out with only a very small percentage increase in general taxation.

"One of the greatest difficulties will be to get sufficient signatures to local improvement projects. It is strongly urged that this system of improvement be adhered to, but it may be necessary to cover such charges out of general revenue as putting a boulevard in full order, the annual tax being for maintenance.

"To complete the paving of roads, curbing, sidewalks and boulevard over the entire municipality, a further 10 years is required on much the same scale as outlined—namely, around \$40,000 a year.

"A system of education of our taxpayers may be necessary by means of house circulars from time to time. In the past all municipalities have been too prone to proceed with projects without taking the populace fully into their confidence. It might be found a good idea to hold some public meetings when the time comes and have the reeve outline any scheme of proposed development.

GOOD ROADS FIRST

On the question of priority of work, Mr. Musgrave submitted that good roads with curbs and sidewalks should come first.

"This," he said, "cuts down maintenance and generally adds more than any other feature to the neat appearance of the municipality. Our present road maintenance vote is around \$20,000 a year; if one visualizes all roads neatly curbed and paved it is obvious that maintenance costs would be much lower. A cut of say \$9,000 in this vote represents 45 per cent on \$200,000; this fact should be borne in mind when

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'My Sister Eileen'
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Based upon the uproarious Broadway comedy of two Columbus, Ohio, sisters battling for their careers and their honor in the jungles of Manhattan's Greenwich Village, Columbia's "My Sister Eileen" today opened at the Athas Theatre. The film, starring Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne and Janet Blair, is twice as lustrous as the stage success, and 20 times as hilarious... no mean record for a motion picture whose theatrical predecessor has convulsed more than 3,000,000 theatre-goers in more than two solid years.

"My Sister Eileen" in stage form was written by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorow, who based their hectic, hilarious and tremendously appealing characters upon Ruth McKenney's magazine story sketches.

DOMINION THEATRE

Nevel Shute's memorable and magnificent novel, "The Pied Piper," has been made into a gripping motion picture by 20th Century-Fox which is now at the Dominion Theatre with Monty Woolley, Roddy McDowall and Anne Baxter in featured roles.

DOMINION THEATRE

One of Europe's finest actresses went before the cameras for the second time in her life, and started what she hopes will be an American film career.

She is Helene Thimig, wife of famed producer, Max Reinhardt, and she appears with Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent in "The Gay Sisters," now at the Cadet Theatre.

OAK BAY THEATRE

Based on the great novel by Walter D. Edmonds, Darryl F. Zanuck's Technicolor production of "Drums Along the Mohawk" stars Claudette Colbert and Henry Fonda. The 20th Century-Fox film is now at the Oak Bay Theatre.

CADET THEATRE

Continuing their line of film biographies of famous composers, 20th Century-Fox is currently bringing to the screen "My Gal Sal," the story of Paul Dresser.

In recent years the nation has been treated to screen conceptions of the histories of such famous composers as Irving Berlin in "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and Stephen Foster in "Swanee River."

Previewers have hailed the Technicolor "My Gal Sal" as the finest piece of musical Americana yet produced. The film stars Rita Hayworth, Victor Mature, John Sutton and Carole Landis. Irving Cummings directed the feature, which is coming tomorrow to the York Theatre.

RIO THEATRE

George Chandler, who has a supporting role in "Roxie Hart," the film at the Rio Theatre starring Ginger Rogers, is the film workers' "buddy."

Reason? He has a produce farm, and sent every worker on the set a crate of celery.

RIO THEATRE

The executive also asked powers be given to force wood, truck dust and sand dealers to have truck boxes inspected, so that full and proper measures would be given purchasers.

Alderman Geo. Miller, Vancouver, headed the delegation. Alderman John A. Worthington represented Mayor McGavin. Others attending were W. T. Strath, K.C., M.L.A.; R. R. F. Sewell, secretary of the union, and R. F. Blandy, Oak Bay municipal treasurer.

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Referred to the estimates committee, preliminary estimates submitted by Municipal Clerk R. F. Blandy.

Received a report from Engineer A. S. Musgrave on the sale of replaced steel watermain to the Capitol Iron Works for \$500.

Referred to the lands committee with power to act an offer of \$800 for two lots on Musgrave, near Thompson.

Referred to the committee of the whole a report by Engineer Musgrave on a proposed 10-year postwar improvement program.

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Tonight

5.00 News—KOL—CBR.
Story and the Pirates—KJR.
Three Bands—KOMO.
Bullets of Truth—KPO.
Audrey and the KJR.
Winner Take All—KIRO.
Carson—Robinson—CJQR.
Musicland—KOMO.
Big Cross—CBR at 8:15.
5.30 News—KIX—CKWX.
Evening Almanac—KIRO.
Folks Music—KOMO.
Waltz Time—KPO.
Dinner Dances—KJR.
Jack Armstrong—KJR.
Norman—Nesbit—KOL.
Lore—Rhythm—CKWX.
Taking Drums—CKWX.
Rhythms—CBR at 8:45.
By the Way—KOMO. KPO at 8:45.
Ceci Brown—KIRO. KIX at 8:55.
6.00 News—CKWX.
String Orchestra—CBR.
Guitar—KOMO. KPO.
Mafia Concert—KOMO. KPO.
Lone Ranger—CKWX.
Music—KOMO. KPO.
New—KOL. KJR at 6:15.
Story of Tania—CJVI at 8:15.
6.30 News—CKWX.
Concert Hall—CJQR.
District Attorney—KPO. KOMO.
California Melodies—KOL.
Motel—KOMO—CBR.
Dinner Dances—CJVI.
Spotlight Bands—KJR.
Music Album—CKWX 6:45.
7.00 News—CBR. CKWX.
Feature Broadcast—CBR.
Evening Interlude—KJR.
Piano—KOMO. KPO.
Mad Behind Glass—KIX.
Don Wilson—CJQR.
Willy—Wylie—CKWX.
Doll—Doll—CJQR at 7:45.
7.30 Feature Broadcast—CBR.
Evening Interlude—KJR.
Piano—KOMO. KPO.
Master Singers—CJVI.
8.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
KBC Newsreel—CBR.
Key—KOMO—CBR.
Leo Nicholson—CJQR.
Music by Gugia—CJVI.
Guitar—KOMO. KPO.
Rhythm—KOMO. KPO.
Raymond—Gang Swing—KJR.
The Hidden Enemy—CBR at 7:15.
Gracie Fields—KJR at 7:15.
7.30 Feature Broadcast—CBR.
Evening Interlude—KJR.
Piano—KOMO. KPO.
Master Singers—CJVI.
8.30 News—KOMO. KPO.
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Leo Nicholson—CJQR.
Music by Gugia—CJVI.
Guitar—KOMO. KPO.
Rhythm—KOMO. KPO.
Tommy Dorsey—KOMO. KPO.
Easy Accs—CJQR.
Calling All Cars—CKWX.
Melody—KOL.
Dance—KOMO—CBR.
Mathnas—KOMO. KPO.
Mathnas at—Midnight—KJR.
Army Night—CJVI.
News—KOL—CBR at 8:55.
9.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
National Labor Forum—CBR.
William—KOMO—CBR.
Sammy—Kaye—KIRO.
Concert—KOMO—CBR.
Calling All Cars—CKWX.
Melody—KOL.
Dance—KOMO—CBR.
Mathnas—KOMO. KPO.
Mathnas at—Midnight—KJR.
Army Night—CJVI.
News—KOL—CBR at 8:55.
9.30 News—KOMO. KPO.
Guitar—KOMO—CBR.
Light and Mellow—KPO.
Guitar—KOMO—CBR.
American Rhapsody—CKWX.
The Shadow—CJVI.
Highlight Hour—KOMO.
Star of the Week—CKWX.
Fulton Lewis—KOL at 8:45.
10.00 News—CJVI.
Light of World—KOMO. KPO.
School Broadcast—KOMO. KPO.
School Music—CKWX.
Little Beautiful—KNO. KJR.
Bauhaus—Tales—KJR.
Guitar—KOMO—CBR.
Happy Game—CBR at 10:15.
10.30 News—CJVI. KPO.
Harmony in Color—CJQR.
Up and Down—KOMO. KPO.
Serenade—KJR.
Mary Lee Taylor—KOMO.
News—CJVI at 10:15.
They Tell Me—CJVI. KOMO.
NEWS—CKWX at 10:45.
11.00 Music—CJVI.
Light of World—KOMO. KPO.
KBC Newsreel—CBR. KJR.
Guitar—KOMO—CBR.
Lester—KOMO—CBR.
Morton—KOMO—CBR.
Stars of the Week—CJQR.
News—CKWX at 12:05.
12.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Music of Music—CKWX.
Concert—KOMO—CBR.
Calling All Cars—CKWX.
Fulton Lewis—KOL at 12:15.
12.30 News—CJVI. CBR.
William Winter—KIRO. KIX.
Schools—The Bookends—KJR at 12:45.
13.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Carol—Carter—CBR.
Love and Learn—KOMO. KPO.
Guitar—KOMO—CBR.
Vic and Sadie—CJQR.
Studio Party—CJQR at 14:45.
14.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Mary Martin—KOMO. KPO.
The Buccaneers—CJVI.
Report—KJR.
Morton—KOMO—CBR.
Stars of the Week—CJQR.
News—CKWX at 12:05.
15.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Music of Music—CKWX.
Concert—KOMO—CBR.
Calling All Cars—CKWX.
Fulton Lewis—KOL at 12:15.
16.00 News—CJVI. CBR.
Peppe—Young—KOMO. KPO.
Music for Moderns—CKWX.
Right in—Hippety—KOMO.
KBC Newsreel—CBR at 12:45.
Between the Bookends—KJR at 12:45.
17.00 Backstage Wife—KOMO. KPO.
A Concert—Small—CBR.
Galen Drake—KIRO. KIX.
Club Matinee—KJR.
Folk—KOMO—CBR.
Water—Compton—KOL.
Nick Lucas—CJVI.
Light of World—CKWX.
Site—Notes—KJR at 1:15.
18.00 School of the Air—KOMO. KPO.
Lani. Sea and Air—KJR.
Bridgeport Ensemble—KJR.
Bridgeton—KOMO—CBR.
Lorenzo—Jones—KOMO. KPO.
Sister—Wife—CJQR at 1:45.
19.00 Michael Carter—KOL.
White—Gidi—Marina—KOMO.
KPO.
B.C. Schools—CBR.
Theater—KOMO—CBR.
It's Topical—CKWX.
Melody Time—CJVI.
Big Band Institute—KJR.
Brook—KOMO—CBR.
Newreals—Theater—KOL at 2:15.
20.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Fraser—KOMO. KJR.
Music—CBR. KIRO.
Folk Music—CBR. KIRO.
Concert—KOMO—CBR.
Dance—Tango—KJR. KOL.
Anything—Goes—CKWX.
News—CBR at 11:25.
21.00 Dance—KOMO—CBR.
Music—KOMO. KJR. KOL.
News for Alaska—KIRO. 11:45.
NEWS—KOMO. KPO at 11:45.
22.00 News—KOMO. KJR at 11:45.

TOMORROW

7.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Musical Clock—CJQR.
Gardener's Information—KPO.
Organ—KJR.
Dance—KOMO—CBR.
8.00 News—KOMO. KPO.
Art Linkletter—KPO.
Guitar—KOMO—CBR.
Radio Parade—KIRO.
Transients—KOMO.
Dance—Tango—KJR. KOL.
Band of the Month—KOMO.
News—KIRO. KOMO at 8:15.

ONE MINUTE NEWS ABOUT JOHNS—MANVILLE

Almost a Rival for Radio's "Quiz Kids"

Ever listen in on the "Quiz Kids"? It's astounding how these youngsters pop up with the right answers to almost every kind of question under the sun. Well it's a far cry from this popular radio feature to the desk of a Johns-Manville building materials dealer. But you'd be surprised to learn how persistently the public is quizzing him, too, for facts and advice on essential home repairs.

You see, with definite shortages of building materials and labor today, many home owners are frankly puzzled about what materials can be obtained and who to get to do the work. And that's where the J.M. dealer comes in. More than ever, he wants to help home owners in the present difficult situation. If you have a problem along these lines, call your J.M. dealer — V.J. Hardwood floors Company, 707 Johnson Street, G-7314.

Pioneers Urged To Register Soon For Centenary

To facilitate arrangements for the pioneer dinner which will be one of the highlights of Victoria's celebration of its 100th birthday, the city centenary committee Tuesday called upon oldtimers resident on Vancouver Island in 1871 or earlier to register at the City Hall.

Officials here issued 200 of the original books to Chinese at the office of Ald. D. D. McTavish, 618 Broughton Street.

While March 12 has been set as the closing date for such listings, earlier returns will be of material value to the committee.

Any persons who qualify may register in person, by letter or by telephone.

Arrangements for the dinner, scheduled at the Empress Hotel March 19, were left in the hands of H. L. Campbell.

E. G. Rowebottom presented details of the B.C. Historical Association plans for its motor tour of historic sites during which seven plaques will be unveiled on March 14. The drive will continue from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

From 4 to 5 the same day a special religious ceremony will be held under the auspices of the Victoria Ministerial Association, if present plans are carried through.

ANNIVERSARY BALL

Al. W. H. Davies informed the meeting arrangements were being completed for the anniversary ball in the Empress Hotel May 28.

As a special feature an illuminated greeting signed by Premier John Hart and Mayor Andrew McGavin, will be sent to schools throughout the province, with framed copies going to high schools in Greater Victoria and to Victoria College. Mrs. M. Cree said the historical association was preparing a brochure on Vancouver Island history for general distribution and members of the Sir James and Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E., informed the meeting Premier Hart would be present an oil painting of Sir James Douglas to the city at the chapter's centenary luncheon in the Empress March 15.

**Lecturer Stresses
Canada's Danger**

People of Canada were never in a more dangerous condition than today, Rev. E. J. Springett, Dominion commissioner for the British World Federation, told capacity audiences at his lectures Monday and Tuesday in First Baptist Church.

In his first lecture on "Prophecy and Wishful Thinking," he said the people of Canada would have to extricate themselves from this dangerous position, either voluntarily or perforce. Owing to false impressions, wishful thinking and subversive propaganda, following the successful battle of Egypt, the people have fallen into a state of complacency. But, he said, the war is not yet over by any means. Quoting the Earl of Athlone, he said, "the greatest danger to Canada is the apathetic indifference to danger."

Speaking on Tuesday on "God and World Chaos," Mr. Springett made reference to the Divine plan in human history, which Mr. Churchill recognized in his famous speech, when he said, "He must indeed by a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design are being worked out here below, of which we have the honor to be faithful servants." There is a Divine plan which is absolutely perfect, which provides complete security, with nothing of experimentation, but with absolute certainty, and it alone provides the remedy for world chaos, Mr. Springett said.

He will speak at Duncan, Port Alberni and Nanaimo during the week.

Bracken Sees Danger In Leaning on State

SAIN'T JOHN, N.B. (CP) — "We must avoid the danger of anyone leaning on the state," John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, said here with reference to "much talk" about social security. He spoke at a civic luncheon given Tuesday in his honor by Mayor C. R. Watson.

In the postwar period Canadians should "see that free enterprise is encouraged, not discouraged in this country."

"The war has taught us that when all men are employed we have prosperity," he said.

U.S. Navy Program Well Out in Front

WASHINGTON (AP) — Navy Secretary Knox, returning from commissioning ceremonies for the 45,000-ton battleship Iowa, said today the huge vessel was seven months ahead of schedule and that in fact the whole United States shipbuilding program was well out in front.

Threw Away Ration Books As Advertising Pamphlets

Mystery of several hundred Chinese who have apparently been getting along without ration books for six or eight months, has officials at the rationing office puzzled.

The men, unearthed by the special depot in the Chinese Mission on Fisgard Street, have been turning up at the central rationing office in the Union Building by dozens. How the men have been getting along all these months officials are unable to say, but each case is vouched for by a responsible kinsman.

Various explanations are given. One is the men have been working up-island, on fogging camps or in restaurants, where, apparently, they found it possible to get along without their tea, coffee, butter and sugar coupons.

Some explained they did receive books at one time, but, thinking they were some form of advertising, destroyed them.

Now they seem to have realized that without ration book No. 1, they are unable to get ration book No. 2, and without book No. 2 they may later be unable to get additional commodities as yet unrationed.

Applying at the special depot set up in the Chinese Mission where a large staff of educated

Chinese volunteers is at work, the men are questioned carefully, then sent to the central rationing office.

Officials here issued 200 of the original books to Chinese at the office on Tuesday, and the office was crowded again this morning.

In addition approximately 1,500 copies of ration book No. 2 have been issued to Chinese at the special depot on Fisgard Street. Ration authorities today had words of praise for the staff of Chinese volunteers who are working night and day to see that their countrymen are provided with the books.

"We don't know what we would have done without them or with out James L. K. Hope, who has done wonderful work in organizing the depot," they said.

Ration officials again urged that the public have cards filled in before applying for new books.

Approximately 25,000 ration books have been issued in Greater Victoria, including Saanich, where distribution began Tuesday a day ago. About 19,000 have been issued in Victoria and Oak Bay, 8,000 in Esquimalt, and 2,500 in Saanich, said officials. Applications continue to be heavy at City Hall, where 2,500 were issued Tuesday, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

History of Mining In Kootenay Told

Development of Kootenay Valley and mining projects of that area were described by Dr. T. A. Rickard in a paper on "Mining in the Early Days of the Kootenay," read Monday night at a meeting of the Historical Society of British Columbia in Parliament Buildings library.

Describing the Kootenay as one of the most beautiful districts of the world, Dr. Rickard said it was 130 miles wide and 240 miles long.

History of the Kootenay, he said, dated from 1807, when David Thompson built a trading post on Lake Windermere, near the source of the Columbia River.

He traced the development of mining in the area from the discovery of the Bluebell vein by Pierre de Schmidt.

Dr. Rickard told the story of the development of the Trail smelter which, he said, in 1938 processed 600,000 tons of ore. He paid tribute to William A. Carlisle and William Fleet Robinson, former provincial mineralogists.

A vote of thanks was moved by F. C. Green, surveyor-general for B.C. government.

Mr. Justice Robertson was in the chair. Maj. T. H. Nation, in the absence of Mrs. M. R. Cree, read notes on annual meetings of the Victoria branch of the society and the provincial body.

A silver cup presented to Mrs. H. G. Monroe by an officer of the

old ship Beaver, was shown at the meeting. The cup has been presented to the Provincial Archives by Mrs. Gillan, Oak Bay.

Mrs. A. S. Christie reported on plans of the Centenary committee.

E. G. Rowebottom, deputy minister of trade and industries, showed a copy of plastic plaques the society will place at eight historic spots of the city.

They include the following sites: Helmcken House, first Legislative Building, first public schoolhouse, old Victoria Hotel, Royal Hotel, near the mooring rings, and Macdonald's Bank.

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New York Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — The news of Rommel's retreat in Tunisia helped to stimulate enough new buying in the stock market today to advance a majority of the leaders fractions